

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Each of the independent claims has been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-17, 19, 22-26, 30-31, 33-35, 37-39, 41, 43-46, 50-51, 53, and 56 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-17, 19, 22-26, 30-31, 33-35, 37-39, 41, 43-46, 50-51, 53 and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,522,075) and in view of Shorter (U.S. Patent No. 5,063,500). In response, each of the independent claims of the present application has been amended to include at least one limitation not disclosed or rendered obvious by Robinson and/or Shorter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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